

The following claims are readable on the elected species: Claims 1-7, 9, 10, 15-20, 22-24, 26-28, 30-37, 42-47, 49-66, and 70-77.

Generic Claims. As submitted by the Examiner, Claims 1, 7, 18, 23, 28, 31, 42, 55, 60 and 62 are generic to the claims of Group I.

Applicant submits that, in addition to the listed claims, Claim 51 and 52 are also generic.

Applicant notes that the election of species is for the purpose of prosecution on the merits, and that Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species upon allowance of a generic claim. It is understood that if the claims of the elected species are found allowable over the prior art, the Examiner will expand the search to include other species.

Preliminary Amendment. Prior to substantive examination, Applicant requests that the following amendments be made to the above-referenced application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the attached replacement sheets submitted in the Revised Format under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

REMARKS

Claims 1-79 are pending.

Claims 80-139 (Group II) drawn to methods have been cancelled without prejudice to their future prosecution in response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction. Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

Extension of Term. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.